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## California Park and Recreation Society Honors Assemblymember Hector De La Torre with the Legislator of the Year Award

**Long Beach, CA** – The California Park and Recreation Society honors Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate) with the Legislator of the Year Award for his commitment to increase funding for bicycle improvements, playground safety, joint-use projects and his leadership in forging eminent domain reform.

"Protecting green space throughout our communities is greatly needed in the Southeast Los Angeles County area, which I represent," said Assemblymember De La Torre. "I look forward to continue working with the California Parks & Recreation Society to preserve parks, open space and recreational facilities for all Californians."

"On behalf of the 4,000 member of the California Parks & Recreation Society, I take great pleasure on awarding you the legislator of the year award," said CPRS executive director Jane H. Adams. "During your first two-year terms as a California State Assemblymember you scored 100 percent on CPRS' legislative scorecard for your active support in improving parks and open space projects."

The award ceremony will take place at the Long Beach Hyatt Hotel, Friday, February 29, 2008 during the Annual Awards and Installation Banquet at 7:30 p.m. More than 1800 CPRS professionals will attend the 2008 California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference.